

House for 1 minute and to revise and extend my remarks.

Mr. WALKER. Reserving the right to object, and I shall not object, but in light of what we have been hearing in the last few minutes, the House needs to be informed that at 3 o'clock last night the list of everybody who signed the contract with America was in fact released.

Further reserving the right to object, it is in fact a list which is now available to the public, and we do believe it is not time to release Hillary's list of all of the people who participated in the health care conference.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MONTGOMERY). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Michigan?

There was no objection.

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, 3 days ago over 300 Republican Members and challengers signed an historic contract with America. This contract not only changes the fundamental way Congress does business, but also the business that Congress does.

The contract creates an open system—where issues are debated on the floor of this Chamber, for all of America to see, instead of behind the closed doors and iron fists of committees and committee chairman.

The current committee system, run by the Democrat leadership, bottles up legislation and blocks an honest and public debate of the issues.

Why is it that the vast majority of Americans support term limits, yet this House refuses to debate the issue on the floor?

The Republican contract with America guarantees that bills such as term limits, a balanced budget amendment, and tax cuts for the middle class come to the floor of the house for an open, honest debate within 100 days.

Mr. Speaker, let us put an end to the old committee system and move forward with the country's business.

#### IT IS TIME FOR JAPAN TO LIVE UP TO PROMISES ON TRADE

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Fact, Mr. Speaker, for 40 years Japan's trade practices have ripped us off.

Fact, Mr. Speaker, for 40 years Japan has promised to stop it.

Fact, Mr. Speaker, for 40 years the White House has threatened sanctions.

Now the truth is if America had one dollar for every promise Japan made on trade we would have no deficit, and the truth is if American workers had one job for every threat the White House made, we would have no unemployment.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is time for Congress to say it is high noon with Japan. What are we going to do, Con-

gress? Are we going to send John Wayne with a 301 six-shooter this time, or are we going to continue to send Woody Allen, this time with a GATT agreement?

This is unbelievable. Congress is literally ripping off the American workers and is turning their back. Shame, Congress, shame.

#### REPUBLICAN CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN ENGINEERS INTERESTING RESPONSES

(Mr. LINDER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, to watch the Democrat response to our contract with America is—shall we say—interesting. We are told that the costs are too high and that Republicans were forced to sign onto an agenda driven by our leadership.

Both are wrong. But if I were faced with an agenda which had the overwhelming support of the American people I would be reluctant to take issue with the specifics too.

Which of our issues is wrong? Do the Democrats not believe we should vote on a real balanced budget amendment? I guess so since they have successfully prevented that vote from coming to the floor.

Do they not believe that the Nation needs legal reform? Do they think that a real crime bill is out of step with America? Do they believe that everything is just wonderful with our welfare system?

No—they cannot take issue with the substance so they make up charges.

The cost issue is, of course, made up of whole cloth. I never tire of seeing the Democrats repeat these outrageous statements with a straight face. It is a sight to behold. This proposal is only slightly different than the last Kasich budget which according to the CBO had more deficit reduction than the President's budget.

I ask "You remember the CBO; don't you?" That is the estimating office that the President said is the only reliable source for numbers. But that was when he was selling his agenda.

On the question of marching in lock step let me just observe that it was not NEWT GINGRICH marching Members to the well of the House yesterday to change their votes on the lobbying rule—it was the Democrat leadership. One by one—arm in arm—they were marched to the well to obey the leadership.

Who is fooling whom?

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#### BRING THE TROOPS HOME NOW

(Mr. PARKER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PARKER. Mr. Speaker, I have always been willing to give the sitting President much latitude in his role as Commander in Chief—even when I am in disagreement. However, I am gravely concerned about our Nation's escalation of military activity in Haiti—particularly in the absence of decisive leadership and in light of the inaccurate information that this administration provides.

Shortly after the American occupation of Haiti, Secretary of Defense William Perry advised Members of this body that less than the originally planned complement of 15,000 troops would be needed to secure Haiti and restore their democratically elected government. However, news reports today are confirming that over 20,000 American soldiers are now on Haitian soil. If there has been a change in circumstances that necessitates additional troops, President Clinton needs to advise this body, and the American people, of that change.

I am extremely concerned about mission creep in Haiti. Additional troops only add to my concerns. It is imperative that we get our young men and women out of harm's way.

If our efforts in Haiti are going to be multinational in scope, we should be replacing our troops daily with a true international force. Our troops do not belong in Haiti. On behalf of every American who is putting his or her life on the line, I ask that the President bring them home now.

#### REQUEST FOR ACCOUNTABILITY ON HAITI

(Mr. GOSS. asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to associate myself with the remarks of the gentleman from Mississippi who just made such, I think, a telling comment.

I stood in this well last evening and talked to reports received by phone yesterday of the chaos in Haiti; pictures say so much more than words can.

Today we see on the TV news this morning the chaos. It is a sense out of control. We did not see the whole picture, because they did not have the TV cameras everywhere. They were not up on the north coast where pro-Aristide people, the Lavalas, were killing their opponents. So in Port-au-Prince we have one group killing one side, and on the north coast we have the other group killing the other side.

This is called a civil war, and it is not our civil war, and this 12th day of occupation, the smartest thing we can do is start getting our troops out of harm's way right now.

The next thing we have to do, once we get the troops out of the way, is go through our constitutionally required exercise of congressional oversight of

pick up seats in the November elections.

Now, as the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. SMITH] said just a few moments ago, he questioned the Deputy Secretary of State about this: who made these comments, and he said he did not say them.

Now, if he did say them, as Mr. Caputo said he did, then he is lying to the Congress, and if he is lying to the Congress, he should be summarily removed. Strobe Talbott should be fired or resign.

And if the President of the United States, and I hate to say this, but if the President of the United States can be proven that he put our troops in harm's way for political purposes this year, he should be impeached.

#### DO NOT RUSH GATT

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, no trade agreement 22,000 pages long, and no trade bill 1,000 pages long, should be rammed up against the closing deadline hours of this session of Congress. I know a fastball when I see one.

Let me congratulate the gentleman from South Carolina from the other body. Yesterday he actually made an incredible request: He wants to read the 1,000-page draft bill called GATT before the other body votes on it. The House should do no less.

If this legislation is so essential, should we not give it as much time as we gave the California desert bill?

□ 1100

So I say to the President of our country, to the Finance Committee in the other body and the Ways and Means Committee in this body, I understand the rush, oh, yes, I understand it real well, but it is not right. We should not rush this bill through in the closing hours of this session. Let us do it next year when people have had a chance to vote on something that they have read.

#### MORE ON THE CONTRACT WITH AMERICA

(Mr. KINGSTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I join my Democrat, Republican, and Independent friends and colleagues in congratulating NEWT GINGRICH and the Republican Party for setting forth a specific plan and promises for when he becomes Speaker of the House. Instead of the usual 30-second attack Clinton ad which asserts that our opponents will go to heaven or hell depending on their voting record, Mr. GINGRICH and Republicans have crafted a specific contract. Yet many paranoid Democrats are already whining. They prefer the politics of half-truths over substance.

The contract which they have been whining about calls for votes on a balanced budget amendment, term limits, line item veto, cutting congressional staff by one-third and reforming welfare.

The Democrats prefer what we have now, even with control of the House, control of the Senate, control of the White House, we have a \$200 billion deficit, no middle-class tax cut, no health care reform, foreign policy triumphs in Bosnia, North Korea, Haiti, and Somalia. If that is what they want, I say to the American people ask a Democrat Congressman for a copy of the contract and ask them to show it to you.

Mr. Speaker, the choice is clear.

#### SUPPORT PASSAGE OF CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 6

(Mr. OWENS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, today we have an education survival bill on our agenda. Let us not play politics with the schoolchildren of America. Let us all unite to support the largest constituency of the Congress: Teachers, students, and parents who are waiting for the school aid provided by the Improving America's Schools Act.

Mr. Speaker, one of the reasons for the unpopularity of Congress as an institution is the fact that we too often neglect this education constituency, our largest and our most worthy constituency.

On Monday, 3 days from now, these funds will stop flowing to all of our schools if we do not pass this bill today. Every school district in this Nation will remain funded at the same level as last year. The needs are great all over America, in all of our schools.

Let us not play politics; instead let us make a contract, let us all make a contract with the schoolchildren of America.

Vote "yes" for the Improving America's Schools Act and let us do the job today.

#### THE FIASCO IN HAITI

(Mr. MICA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, once again this administration has bungled the Haiti situation beyond belief.

First we failed to promptly enforce an international accord and stood by while their military murdered the opposition.

Then we imposed economic sanctions killing 60,000 manufacturing jobs that were feeding nearly a third of their population.

Now our troops stand by while the Aristide supporters murder the other side and loot, pillage, and rob the last shreds of remaining business.

Honestly in my wildest imagination, I did not believe that President Clinton could concoct a wilder scheme to totally destroy Haiti.

Now—we have annihilated the entire economy, put our troops in the middle of an unending civil conflict and put their whole country on a Clinton-style American welfare plan.

Now we are buying guns while they use grenades, knives, tires, and machetes.

I cannot wait for the next turn in this incredible U.S. taxpayer financed fiasco.

#### H.R. 6: MOST SWEEPING EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT IN DECADES

(Mr. KLINK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KLINK. Mr. Speaker, the vote on H.R. 6 is a vote on the future of education.

All the issues that you may hear about, all the motions to recommit, are red herrings. H.R. 6 represents the most sweeping educational improvement and reform legislation in decades. It is our best chance to increase Federal aid for elementary and secondary education.

Despite what you may hear, "constitutionally protected" school prayer is protected under H.R. 6. H.R. 6 also prohibits the use of Federal funds to promote or encourage any sexual practice.

But the real issue is funding for education. If we recommit H.R. 6 to conference, \$11 billion in education aid is in jeopardy. Federal education funding could be cut off to 13,000 school districts.

So ignore the red herrings. Support education and H.R. 6.

#### H.R. 6: WHAT DOES THE FORMULA DO FOR YOU IN YOUR DISTRICT IN THIRD, FOURTH, AND FIFTH YEARS?

(Mr. GOODLING asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, I would respond to the gentleman from New Mexico as well as the gentleman from Pennsylvania as well as the gentleman from New York, the discussion today should have very little to do with the issues they talked about. There is only one issue that is major, and that issue is what does the formula do for you in your district in the third, fourth, and fifth years of this authorization?

No one, not the chairman of the committee, not the chairman of the subcommittee, not the ranking member, not any of the staff can tell you that. That is why I said we need 3 days so that we can get the runs, so we can tell you what it will mean to your district.